GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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TRACKS REMOVED FROM BUSY ROUTES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tracks removed from the busy routes and having lived their utility are recycled and laid on the routes which are not so busy;

(b) if so, whether the derailment of Delhi-Jodhpur Mandore Express in October, 2001 resulting in the death of many persons was caused due to the recycled rails;

(c) if so, the reasons for not discarding the tracks removed from the busy routes having lived their utility;

(d) the steps being contemplated by the Government in this direction?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) to (d): The released rails from busy lines are segregated into second hand serviceable rails i.e. rails still having balance life and scrap rails. The released serviceable rails are scanned ultrasonically before using them for renewal on lighter traffic routes. The Metre Gauge sections of Phulera-Degana was renewed in 1987 with second hand 90R rails manufactured in 1947 and released from Broad Gauge sections. At the time of gauge conversion the same rails were used. The cause of the derailment of Delhi-Mandore Express on October, 2001 is being enquired into by Commissioner of Railway Safety, Ministry of Civil Aviation.